



26 MARCH 2020
EVERSDAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents

GRADE 4-7 ACADEMIC PROGRAMME: COVID-19

This is quite a challenging time for all of us. We include the message from Mr Brian Schreuder, the SG of the WESTERN CAPE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. He highlights a few important factors - one of them being the access and availability of ONLINE PLATFORMS. We are therefore thankful for all our INTERSEN parents who supported and engaged with us on our ONENOTE CURRICULUM PLATFORM.

It would help our planning if our parents and learners could stick to our learning programme which is set out in the following steps. Our curriculum is tried and tested, and we know that our content and delivery is such that if our learners (and parents) stick to it we will be able to keep our children going and thriving through these difficult times. (Just a reminder that Eversdal Primary School came out tops from all the Durbanville Schools in the 2019 WCED Grade 6 Systemic Tests).

There is a lot of NOISE out there and we need our community to stick to our basic curriculum and work through it as we set it out per week. Learners are welcome to look and test some of the content on some of the other online platforms, but please follow the instructions of their class teachers, as this forms the core of what we will be assessing if and when we assess later during the year.

Feedback from learners to teachers and from teachers to learners will be done daily through ONENOTE and YAMMER. Feedback will be done by the following day. This will be our only communication structure for the IFSEN PHASE. (There are 10 learners on another individual plan).

The COVID-19 virus has also placed a “lock-down” on the company doing our printing and this is causing a problem with our printed version which would have been available on the 14th of April (the date on which the school would have started.) These are extra-ordinary times. We will not be able to help our parent via WhatsApp or email in this regard. The class teacher can be contacted in an emergency, but they will be quite busy with supporting the learners individually.

(The following link (also on frontpage of website) gives another explanation how to load the learner’s class ONENOTE onto a different home computer or laptop - <https://youtu.be/1NqvDWRJ1qQ>)

THIS IS OUR PROGRAMME AND OUR TIMELINE

(We hope this does not have to happen, but we are prepared and our learners have access to our detailed curriculum)

1. END OF TERM 1

All Curriculum material for TERM 2 was loaded on ONENOTE at the end of term 1. (Every Learner will have Term 1 and 2 on ONENOTE. (ONENOTE is our e-Learning platform)

2. 6 APRIL (onwards towards 14 April)

- Class teachers will start communicating with parents/learners to make sure what the level of connectivity of every learner in his/her class is.
- He/she will make sure that every learner is 100% connected to all learning material on ONENOTE. (Expect a call/email/yammer to confirm this.)

- Where there is a problem, we will have a fall back in place to ensure that every learner has the relevant learning material. (apienaar@eversdal.org.za)

3. **14 APRIL 2020 (Tuesday)**

Week 1 of the second term will formally commence. Teachers will be at their homes – available to communicate to their learners in one of the following ways:

- email
- Yammer (a chat platform created for their classroom)
- by placing voice recordings on their OneNote teaching rooms
- by placing explanations of difficult concepts on the teaching platforms OneNote (video)

4. **17 APRIL 2020 (Friday)**

Work for week 2 will be distributed via ONENOTE.

5. **20 APRIL 2020 (Monday)**

Week 2 of the second term will take place.

6. **24 APRIL 2020 (Friday)**

Work for week 3 will be distributed via ONENOTE.

7. **27 APRIL 2020 (Monday)**

Work 3 of the second term will take place AND **the pattern will repeat itself until school commences again.**

PERSONAL NOTE

I want to reassure our parents that I will be visiting every “virtual classroom” every day and keep a close eye on the work happening in our online school. It is important to make sure that we engage with our learners and stimulate communication between them and their teachers.

These are not normal times and we are not “out of office”. We are on a short break, but our staff will be operational from the 6th of April to ready themselves for full active engagement with our learners from the 14th.

The learners are welcome to start with WEEK 1 in the meantime, but our teachers will only start engaging with them on the 14th.

We cannot foresee that the schools will re-open before the 21st of April – we are all waiting to see what the development will be.

We pray for all our parents and the citizens of South Africa who are going through very challenging times.

Kind regards

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